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WEATHER

Again, rainfall was quite general over the State. Amounts were light, generally less than a half inch in the form of showers. Plattsmouth received 2.40 inches for the heaviest reported amount this week.

Temperatures were generally near normal over the State. Freezing readings occurred on Thursday morning over the west and northwest portions of the State.

CROPS

Wet fields slowed or delayed harvesting of crops and planting of wheat. Most crops are now mature or nearly so. Some damage has occurred to crops from molding and sprouting.

Corn is about 90% mature according to County Agents, the same as a year earlier but later than the 95% average. Farmers are harvesting corn when weather and field conditions permit. Some kernels are sprouting or getting moldy from wet weather. Stalk rot is causing some corn to go down.

Sorghum is about 90% mature compared with 85% a year earlier and the normal of 95%. The crop is being harvested when weather and field conditions permit. Some heads are sprouting or getting moldy because of wet weather.

Soybeans are about 85% mature, unchanged from a year earlier but behind the 90% average. Harvesting is progressing when field and weather conditions permit. Pods on some early soybeans are popping due to swelling from wet weather.

Winter wheat seeding continues to be delayed and is only about 85% completed. Seeding a year earlier and normal would be practically complete by this date. The Southeast is particularly late where heavy rains over a number of weeks made it difficult to get into fields. Late planting increases chances of winter kill and wind erosion and usually delays maturity.

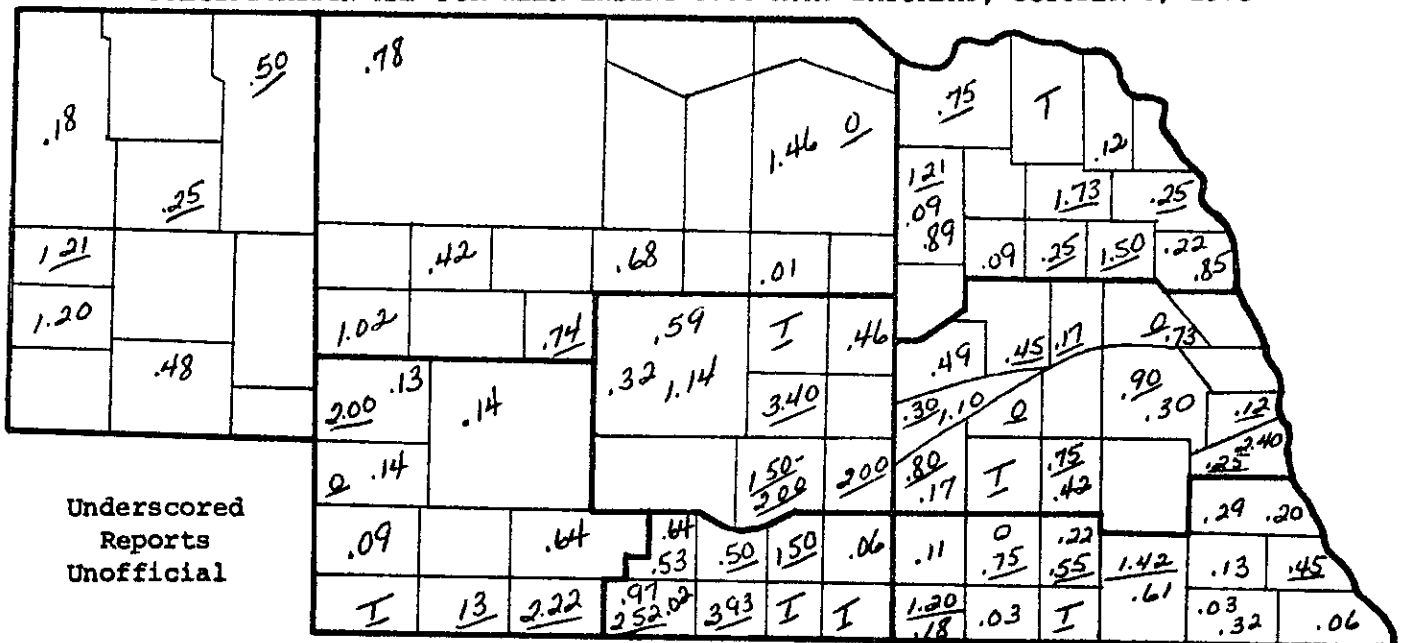
Sugar beet harvest has just begun. Considerable progress was made in harvesting dry beans, particularly late in the week. The crop has suffered from mold, rain and hail.

Soil moisture supplies continued adequate to surplus during the week ending Friday. Topsoil supplies were surplus in 54% of reporting counties and adequate in 46%. Subsoil supplies were surplus for 48% of counties and adequate 52%. About 2.5 days were suitable for fieldwork.

RANGE & LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture conditions are mostly average with 37% of counties rated above average and 63% average. Many feedlots are muddy, particularly in the Southeast.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1973



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1973

Station		Temperature				Precipitation	
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Inches	
		Max	Min			Total	1/
NW	Chadron	85	30	59	--		T
	Scottsbluff	81	30	57	+1		T
	Sidney	82	29	56	--		T
NC	Burwell	83	32	58	--		0
	Valentine	87	30	58	+3		0
NE	Norfolk	74	38	57	-1		.02
	Sioux City	76	40	60	0		.26
CEN	Grand Island	76	41	58	-1		.08
EC	Lincoln	78	39	58	-2		.07
	Omaha	75	41	58	-1		.16
SW	Imperial	83	35	58	--		0
	North Platte	83	30	57	0		T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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